

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A sealing structure of a sliding roof of a motor vehicle for sealing between a tiltable sliding roof and an opening portion of a roof panel, comprising:

an annular frame member which is secured along the opening portion of the roof panel;

an annular roof panel main seal for contacting a lower surface of a periphery of the sliding roof when the sliding roof is closed.~~A sealing structure as claimed in claim 1~~ wherein said roof panel main seal includes a flat plate-shaped base portion for attachment to said frame member, and a tubular seal portion protruding upwardly of said base portion into an arc-shaped ~~configuration,~~configuration; and

a roof panel sub-seal for contacting side edges of the sliding roof when the sliding roof is closed, said roof panel main seal and said roof panel sub-seal being attached to said annular frame member, wherein said roof panel sub-seal is straight and includes a base portion having a generally U-shaped cross-section, and a tubular seal portion protruding inwardly of said base portion into an arc-shaped configuration.

4. (Currently amended) A sealing structure of a sliding roof of a motor vehicle for sealing between a tiltable sliding roof and an opening portion of a roof panel, comprising:

an annular frame member which is secured along the opening portion of the roof panel;

an annular roof panel main seal for contacting a lower surface of a periphery of the sliding roof when the sliding roof is closed.~~A sealing structure as claimed in claim 1~~ wherein said roof panel main seal includes a flat plate-shaped base portion for attachment to the opening portion of the roof opening and a tubular seal portion provided integrally with said base portion, wherein a double-sided adhesive tape is bonded to a surface of said base portion, which is opposite to said tubular seal portion, said base portion is attached to the opening portion with said double-sided adhesive tape, and said double-sided adhesive tape includes a curved double-sided adhesive tape for attachment to a corner of the opening portion, which has the same curvature as that of said corner of the opening ~~portion~~portion; and

a roof panel sub-seal for contacting side edges of the sliding roof when the sliding roof is closed, said roof panel main seal and said roof panel sub-seal being attached to said annular frame member.

5. (Original) A sealing structure as claimed in claim 4, wherein said double-sided adhesive tape further includes a straight double-sided adhesive tape for attachment to a straight part of the opening portion, and said curved double-sided adhesive tape and said straight double-sided adhesive tape are bonded such that side edges of ends thereof contact each other at a joint thereof.

6. (Original) A sealing structure as claimed in claim 4, wherein said double-sided adhesive tape further includes a straight double-sided adhesive tape for attachment to a straight part of the opening portion, said curved double-sided adhesive tape and said straight double-sided adhesive tape are bonded such that ends thereof face each other with a space therebetween,

and a short double-sided adhesive tape is further bonded so as to extend in parallel with and adjacently to said ends of said curved double-sided adhesive tape and said straight double-sided adhesive tape, and cover said space therebetween.

7. (Original) A sealing structure as claimed in claim 4, wherein said double-sided adhesive tape further includes a straight double-sided adhesive tape for attachment to a straight part of the opening portion, said curved double-sided adhesive tape and said straight double-sided adhesive tape are bonded such that ends thereof face each other with a space therebetween, and another short double-sided adhesive tape of which one end is flat and the other end bends into an L-shaped longitudinal section is bonded to cover said space between said ends of said curved double-sided adhesive tape and said straight double-sided adhesive tape such that said flat end of said another short double-sided adhesive tape contacts one of said ends of said curved double-sided adhesive tape and said straight double-sided adhesive tape, and the other one of said ends of said curved double-sided adhesive tape and said straight double-sided adhesive tape contacts said the other L-shaped end of said another short double-sided adhesive tape in parallel with each other.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A sealing structure of a sliding roof of a motor vehicle for sealing between a tiltable sliding roof and an opening portion of a roof panel, comprising:

an annular frame member which is secured along the opening portion of the roof panel;

an annular roof panel main seal for contacting a lower surface of a periphery of the sliding roof when the sliding roof is closed; and

a roof panel sub-seal for contacting side edges of the sliding roof when the sliding roof is closed, said roof panel main seal and said roof panel sub-seal being attached to said annular frame member, wherein:

the sliding roof includes a plurality of sliding panels arranged longitudinally of a body of the vehicle;

a panel seal is provided to seal between adjacent sliding panels, said panel seal includes a rear seal and a front seal;

said rear seal has a base part, for attachment to a front edge of a rear-side sliding panel, and a seal wall formed integrally with said base part so as to protrude upwardly therefrom;

said front seal is provided on the front side of said rear seal and has a base part, which extends parallel with said base part of said rear seal, a seal wall formed integrally with said base part so as to protrude upwardly therefrom;

said panel seal includes a connecting part for connecting said base part of said rear seal and said base part of said front seal;

said rear seal, said front seal and said connecting part define a U-shaped drain channel;

said seal walls of said rear seal and said front seal are arranged to contact a rear edge of the sliding panel on the front side of said panel seal, thereby effecting double sealing; and

~~A sealing structure as claimed in claim 8, wherein~~ said rear seal has a plurality of depressions in an upper surface of said base part so as to extend in a longitudinal direction thereof.

10. (Currently amended) A sealing structure as claimed in ~~claim 8~~claim 9, wherein said base part of said rear seal, said base part of said front seal, and said connecting part are composed of a solid material, and said seal wall of said rear seal and said seal wall of said front seal are composed of a sponge material.

11. (Currently amended) A sealing structure as claimed in ~~claim 8~~claim 9, wherein one resin moulding is mounted on a front edge of the sliding panel on the rear side of said panel seal, and another resin moulding is mounted on a rear edge of the sliding roof on the front side of said panel seal, said base part of said rear seal is attached to said one resin moulding, and said seal wall of said rear seal and said seal wall of said front seal respectively contact said another resin moulding when the sliding panel is closed.